Government of Maharashtra for implementation in consultation with the ESIC. The Action Plan includes, inter-alia, provision of modern equipments in hospitals, establishment of Regional trauma centres, establishment of super-speciality services, blood banks, cancer prevention centres, development of indigenous system of medicine, provision of necessary basic equipments in dispensaries etc. Under the action Plan an amount of Rs. 128.30 Lakh has already been sanctioned to the Government of Mahrashtra. For improving resource position of the State Governments in administration of ESI medical care the ceiling on expenditure on medical care has been enhanced from Rs. 500/- per insured person per annum to Rs. 600/- per insured person per annum with effect from 1.4.1999. Tie-up arrangements with reputed medical institutions have been made and a revolving fund has been constituted to grant immediate advances to the beneficiaries to enable them to avail super-specialised treatment.

Settlement of widow and children pension

2358. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT:
SHRI GOPILSINH G. SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the total number of cases regarding settlement of widow and children pension pending in the office of the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, West Bengal;

(b) how many cases are pending in respect of "Electrical Lamp Manufacturing India" (ELMI);

(c) what are the reasons for delay in settlement of above cases; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to settle the above pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) In the office of Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, West Bengal, as on 31.1.2000, there were 71 cases for widow pension and 72 cases for children pension pending for want of essential documents like photographs, birth certificates of children, death certificate of the member etc. There is no case for pension pending in respect of Electrical Lamp Manufacturing India.

(b) There are already instructions to the Regional Provident Fund

Commissioner to settle pension claims complete in all respect within 30 days from the date of its receipt in the office.

Salaries not paid to BITV employees

2359. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Management of Business India Television International Ltd. (BITV') a company of the Mumbai-based Business India group has not paid salaries for about 12 months to its more than 400 employees; and has not deposited provident fund and ESIC contribution; and

(b) if so, what steps have been initiated so far taking the question of non-payment of salaries and non- deposit PF and ESIC contribution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) It has been reported by the Govt, of N.C.T. of Delhi that some employees working in Business India Television International Ltd., New Delhi have not been paid salaries for the months of May and June, 1999. It has also been reported that for the period October, '98 to August, '99 out of the total dues of Rs. 72,03,233, remittances to the tune of Rs. 20 lakhs have been made to the Provident Fund Trust. As regard ESI payment, no contribution has been received from the Bombay Branch Office of BITV from May, 98 onwards. A Show-Cause Notice has been issued by the Govt, of N.C.T. of Delhi to the management to show cause as to why the due amount on account of salary for the months of May and June 1999 be not recovered under the Working Journalist and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955. After issue of show-cause notice the salaries for the said period have been paid.

Action under the Statute has been taken for rocovering Provident Fund dues and a Show Cause Notice has been issued by the ESIC.

Names in employment exchanges

2360. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who registered their names in various employment exchanges of the country during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) the number of people who are provided with employment, State-wise; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to provide employment to all